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*Excerpts from Bryan and about him:*

"My place in history will depend on what I do for the people and not on what the people do for me."

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*Concerning the man who saw a great truth:*

"When only this man saw it, he was a crank; when his friends saw it, he was an enthusiast; when everyone saw it, he was a hero."

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Until ten years of age he learned his lessons at his mother's knee. It is said of his father that regularly three times a day he invoked Divine guidance and permitted nothing to interfere with this custom.

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"The humblest citizen in all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of evil."

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His first political speech was in the Hancock-Garfield campaign in 1880. The committee went to Billy Bryan the day after his return from college and asked him to make a speech the following Saturday. He said he would try. In the courthouse at Salem, he spoke for an hour and a half.

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"His powers as an orator were such that no man of his time could attract a larger audience."—Green.

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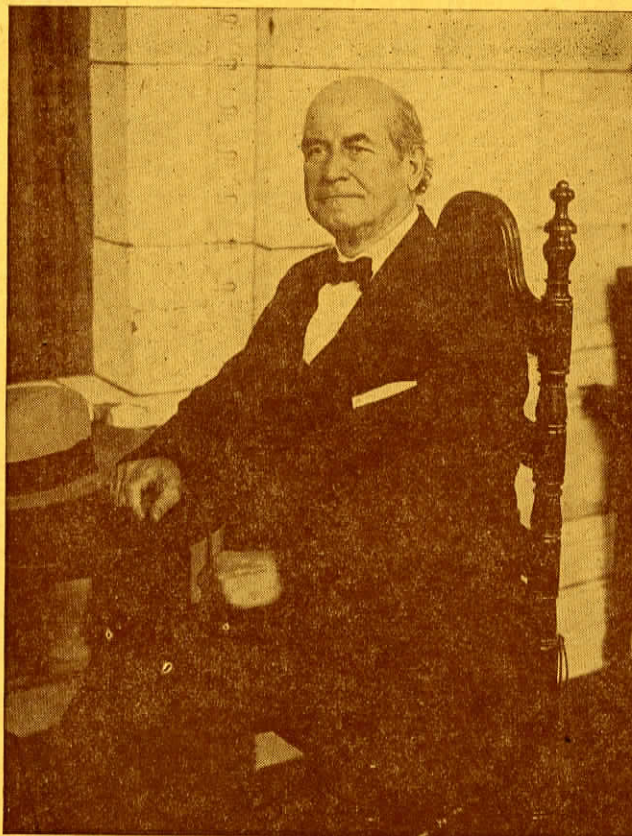
*At St. Louis Convention in 1904:*

"Some of you may dispute whether I have fought a good fight; some of you may dispute whether I have finished my course; but no man can deny that I have kept faith." (This sentence was so effective that that great audience of some 15,000 people applauded him for thirty-one minutes.)

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"He commanded one of the largest and most intelligent vocabularies in the English language."—Green.

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## The Peerless Leader

"He was not great because he was President. He was greater because he was not President."—Connally.

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"While awaiting a car to take him from one engagement to another, he was introduced to a young man who had a determination to attend college against circumstances. Bryan asked what his father did. Upon receiving the answer that he was a farmer and couldn't help, Bryan signed a check for ninety-nine dollars and then reached into his pocket and gave the boy a silver dollar too, saying, 'Here, take this, and God bless you.'"—Yates.

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*From "The Value of an Ideal":*

"—mystery, it seems, never bothers us in the dining room; it is only in the church that it causes us to hesitate."

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"He believed in political matters being religious, although he did not believe in inserting religion as a political issue into the affairs of government."—Garrett.

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"If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and to make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave neglected in the earth the soul of man, made in the image of his Creator? No, I am sure that He who, notwithstanding His apparent prodigality, created nothing without a purpose, and wasted not a single atom in all His creation, has made provision for a future life in which man's universal longing for immortality will find its realization. I am as sure that we live again as I am sure that we live today."

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*Sentences from his first recorded oration:*

"That is not worth having which is not worth toiling for.

"Natural talent does not remove the necessity for labor."

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*From his class day oration:*

"Character is the entity, the individuality of the person shining from every window of the soul, either as a beam of purity, or as a clouded ray that betrays the impurity within."

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*From "The Fruits of the Tree":*

"Faith is the spiritual extension of the vision; it is the moral sense which reaches out toward the throne of God and takes hold upon those verities which the mind cannot grasp."

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*On his trip to Europe:*

"How puny seem the works of man when brought into comparison with majestic nature. . . . What canvas can imitate the dawn and sunset! Is it blind chance that gives these glimpses of the sublime?"

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## God Above All

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## UNDERSTANDING BRYAN

**Editorial Note—**We believe a better understanding of Mr. Bryan, his motives, and his principles will help our friends to a better understanding of the possibilities of Bryan University.

In the public eye for many years and on the platform before larger audiences than any other American, William Jennings Bryan was an enigma to many Americans. The masses generally understood and appreciated him; nevertheless there were times when few understood him. Even his several biographers find difficulty in understanding him and in interpreting him to their readers although the silver-tongued orator spoke from the public platform volumes of words which were recorded by the public press and in **THE COMMONER**, his own news organ, which for years had a wide circulation.

What sort of puzzle was William Jennings Bryan? He was a progressive or modernist in politics and a conservative or fundamentalist in religion. He organized a regiment for the Spanish-American War and then sailed to Europe in the "Peace Ship." He was a fighter and yet a man of peace. He stood before the royalty of Europe, but remained at heart an ordinary dirt-farmer. He was a most feared politician and yet a most respected and beloved Christian.

William Jennings Bryan seemed unpredictable and inconsistent to many. He was both loved and hated by the same people. At times his friends were ashamed of him; at times his enemies were proud of him. He was popular enough to run for president of the United States three different times; but he was unpopular enough never to be elected.

The thousands of cartoons of his most familiar figure appearing in the public press were no more inconsistent than Mr. Bryan seemed to a great cross-section of the American public. The same newspapers that jeered Mr. Bryan just before his death took on the sepulchred tones of profound reverence in announcing his going. In death he is both a most forgotten man and yet a most remembered man.

We venture to suggest that, given an understanding of a few basic mo-

tives and principles governing the thoughts and activities of Mr. Bryan, in contrast to those of the average man in public life, those very enigmas and inconsistencies of Mr. Bryan's life go far to explain him. Those of his own generation who knew Mr. Bryan most intimately understood him best. For those of our day who understand Mr. Bryan because they have similar motives and principles, facts about Mr. Bryan stand the test of time and afford an insight into his motives and principles.

The fact that Mr. Bryan was for years a teacher of a large open-air Bible class in a Miami park does not necessarily mean that he was a born-again Christian; but, so far as we are concerned, the declaration of Mr. Bryan in his last will and testament of his implicit and complete trust in the shed-blood of the Lord Jesus Christ settles the matter. Secretary Lane, a fellow cabinet member, said to Mr. Bryan on Bryan's resignation from President Wilson's cabinet, "You are the most real Christian I know."

**WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN WAS A CHRISTIAN.** To a discerning Christian this fact explains Mr. Bryan more than any other thing. A strong faith in God made Mr. Bryan a man of action. To believe was to act. To know God as supreme was to be unafraid of any man. To know God as eternal was to be for that which was eternally right. To know the love of God in Christ was to be unselfish and to love every man, no matter what country he lived in, no matter how down-trodden. To have the compassion of Christ was to befriend the weary and the oppressed. To know Christ as God and the Bible as the Word of God made of William Jennings Bryan a peerless Defender of the Faith.

To be sincere, to have convictions, to have God-given wisdom and strength made Mr. Bryan a warrior in behalf of world-peace. With all of his might he sought to avoid war but once at war a higher loyalty made him a volunteer for the service of his country. Thus it was that William Jennings Bryan successfully championed such diverse reforms as the income tax, the direct election of senators, the removal of trade barriers for the benefit of the public, an adequate monetary and banking system for the benefit of and controlled by the public, extension of the franchise to give many more a voice in public affairs, the regulation of the liquor traffic, and the settlement of international differences by arbitration. Thus it was that Mr. Bryan died, successfully defending the

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## MUSICAL

Following the audience's singing of "Faith of Our Fathers," the curtains opened on the second musicale of the season at Bryan University, on the evening of February 15.

The Recital, under the direction of Professor Paul Stock and Mrs. Ruth Morrow, was especially interesting because of its variety. Violin and piano numbers included such well-known selections as "Polonaise in A" and "Waltz in A Flat." "Then I Met Jesus" and "God Made My Heart," were two of the vocal numbers presented.

## ALUMNI NEWS

From the Sudan Interior Mission headquarters came news that Albert Wyllie, '44, and Gwen Hay, '45, had arrived in Nigeria, Africa, on February 7, having traveled by way of Egypt.

Mrs. Lloyd Fish, '35, visited the Langfords in Dallas and assisted with the care of Richard Parks III shortly after his arrival.

Under the supervision of the Children's Bible Mission, Jean Neff, '44, is working in Culpeper, Virginia, among the colored school children in that vicinity. Miss Dorothy Hess, former dietitian, has recently joined her as a co-laborer.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

February 19, 1946, was a red letter day for Richard and Eileen Langford, '44, as they welcomed the arrival of Richard Parks III at Dallas, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. Forrest S. Ford ('39 and '40) announced the arrival of Cheryl Yvonne on February 19 at Millboro, Virginia.

## CAMPUS NEWS

February saw several of God's messengers occupying the chapel platform on Bryan Hill. Rev. T. Perry Brannon, pastor of the Chattanooga Gospel Tabernacle, brought a soul-stirring challenge to faculty and students alike.

Rev. D. B. Eastep, of the Calvary Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., once again demonstrated both the simplicity of the Gospel and its practical application to a life of faith. He was accompanied by Mrs. Eastep and Rev. Raymond Smith, pastor of the Knoxville Baptist Tabernacle, who also brought a message in chapel.

Rev. Herbert Henwood, of the American Sunday School Union, clearly presented the need of the Union for summer workers and the value of its work in child evangelism.

Bryan University



## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACULTY

Dean D. W. Ryther, B.S.C., M.A.

Not infrequently does one hear a beckoning voice addressing the Dean as "Major Ryther," even though this army officer has returned to his place as Dean of Bryan University. After three years of absence from his office to serve Uncle Sam, Major Ryther found a happy Bryan welcome awaiting him, and he was just as happy to resume his civilian role in November, 1945, when he was re-elected to the position of Vice-President and Dean of the University.



The only present staff member who was in service at the first class sessions of Bryan University in September, 1930, Dwight W. Ryther, Jr., served as English professor, teaching also in the commerce and history departments. Professor Ryther was called upon to accept the position of Acting Dean following the resignation of Dean Samuel Quigley in 1933. Further responsibility and honor were delegated to him in 1937, when he was elected Vice-President. It was with regret to see him leave that the Bryan family bade farewell to Dean Ryther in September, 1942, when he donned a captain's uniform in Uncle Sam's rapidly growing army.

While stationed at Fort Du Pont, Delaware, with the XIII Corps Headquarters, with which he served throughout the remainder of the war, Captain Ryther received promotion to the rank of Major.

In July, 1944, Major Ryther embarked from New York for twelve months of duty overseas, in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. In the same month a year later he set foot in Virginia, finally completing his army service in California. In order to bring back to his family and his friends some of the interesting sights of his European travels, Major Ryther rode his photographic "hobby-horse" frequently and now has a large collection of photographs and natural color slides.

As the son of the late Colonel D. W. Ryther, Dwight, Jr., took an interest in military training during his early youth. He completed his college work at the University of Georgia in Athens to receive the Bachelor

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## VALENTINE PARTY

Red hearts, bows, and arrows decorating the recreation room were proof enough that it was the night of February fourteenth, and the students on Bryan Hill had gathered to celebrate Valentine's Day. The party started off with everyone looking for the missing pieces of his "broken heart"—made of red paper—and when the right four persons met, the pieces fitted into a whole heart. Each team was then given something to make for the yet unknown Queen of Hearts, such as a crown, shoes, bracelet—all with scissors, glue, and red paper. Votes taken earlier in the evening placed Miss Ella Lee Hall, sophomore, on the throne as Queen.

Other activities were climaxed by the serving of punch, heart-shaped sandwiches and cookies. The party proved a time of happy relaxation and fellowship for all.—G. C.

## Why A Trumpet Call

### 5 GOOD REASONS!

1. A good example—evidence of interest and moral support of definitely Christian and spiritual training of young people
2. Adequate financing for a better educational program
3. Month-by-month responsibility assumed for financial support—without legal obligation as to the future
4. System, making for scriptural, prayerful, and Spirit-guided giving
5. Greater economy, reduction of financial appeals, particularly to regular supporters.

## THE TRUMPET CALL

### Progress To Date



### I. GIDEON'S BAND—\$10.00 or More Each Month

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 9. Roy D. Hazlett   | 13. Helen Walcott    |
| 10. C. E. Hartschuh | 14. Chas. M. Stevens |
| 11. A Friend        | 15. A Friend         |
| 12. A Friend        |                      |

### II. HOME-FRONT ARMY—\$1.00 or More Each Month

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| 43. Berean Fundamental Church (Ivan E. Olsen, Pastor) | 56. A Friend                     |
| 44. Horace K. Houston                                 | 57. Calvin R. Miller             |
| 45. A Friend  | 58. Mr. & Mrs. Robt. D. St. John |
| 46. A Friend  | 59. Mrs. E. B. Hyden             |
| 47. A Friend  | 60. Friends of Bryan             |
| 48. A Friend  | 61. Mrs. C. E. Gow               |
| 49. E. L. Wolslagel                                   | 62. A Friend                     |
| 50. A Friend  | 63. Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Palmer      |
| 51. Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Smith                         | 64. Mrs. Marian Whipple          |
| 52. Rev. & Mrs. R. F. McNay                           | 65. Mr. & Mrs. S. T. Hemberger   |
| 53. Margaret Lowe                                     | 66. Mrs. Martine Mou             |
| 54. Mildred Benton                                    | 67. A Friend                     |
| 55. A Friend  | 68. A Friend                     |
|   | 69. Mr. & Mrs. G. V. Rudd        |

TOTAL to date of Regular Gifts each month.....\$403.34

### THIS IS OUR NEED!!!

#### 1. A GIDEON'S BAND—Three Hundred Brave Leaders of Faith

Goal	Goal	Progress
June 1, 1948	June 1, 1946	to Date
20 who will give \$25.00 per month, or MORE .....	10	3
40 who will give \$20.00 per month .....	20	0
80 who will give \$15.00 per month .....	40	0
160 who will give \$10.00 per month .....	80	12

#### 2. A HOME FRONT ARMY—Thirty-three Hundred Strong

300 who will give \$5.00 per month	150	18
1,000 who will give \$2.00 per month	500	19
2,000 who will give \$1.00 per month	1,000	32

Do you eat ice-cream?

Do you ever take a ride with the family—just for pleasure?

Surely—we all do! . . . Why not? These are part of the "American Way of life." Christian Colleges are also a part of that America which we all love. It isn't the big gifts alone that pay the bills in the Lord's work. It's the REGULAR giving of the "common people that hear Him gladly."

Will you enlist as a regular supporter of Bryan University?



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Bible as the inspired Word of God. **CHRISTIAN AMERICA WAS NOT CHRISTIAN.** At critical times it failed to respond to Christian leadership. Because fallen man was created by God and subject to His redemption, William Jennings Bryan never lost faith in the possibilities of the plain ordinary American citizen. He never had faith in the powers which dominate men for evil purposes. Just as salvation and conversion were possible and desirable in the life of the individual, so the life of our nation **COULD BE** and **SHOULD BE** transformed. Since life was a battle with the powers and forces of evil, the profession of Christian statesmanship, to Bryan, was just as much a call of God as the ministry. *The battle was to be carried on and on regardless of set-backs, changing fronts, and strategies.*

**THE BATTLE IS CARRIED ON** with the ideals and in the spirit of Bryan by the University bearing his name, but William Jennings Bryan and his dynamic leadership are missed sorely by the Christians of America. For twenty years there has been a widely divided Christian leadership in the United States. There is no Joshua to lead God's people in to the promised land.

**EARNEST CHRISTIANS SHOULD RALLY** to the support of the William Jennings Bryan University, because here are unlimited possibilities for a great focal point—with Christ as the center—of united and dynamic productive endeavor on the part of the Godly Christians of America. No Christian leader of the

stature of Mr. Bryan is on the horizon, no one so much respected.

Most real Christians are agreed on the great and fundamental facts covered in the University Charter Statement of Belief. Three greatly loved and respected nationally-known Bible teachers have established the reputation of the University as a citadel of Bible truth. In its simple beginnings of trials and hardships the University has earned a reputation of being an educational haven for the finest Christian youth coming from common every-day American homes where they were not spoiled by luxuries and sophistication. These young people have been attracted to Bryan University, not only by the opportunities for earning a part of the reasonable expenses, but more particularly by the opportunities afforded in a practical Christian service program in a rural area far from the noise and congestion of cities.

William Jennings Bryan would appreciate a college where there is a close correlation between teaching and practice, where Christ is as welcome as His Teachings. He would understand and appreciate these young people who, because they know the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, want to reach others with the sweet simple story of God's blood-bought salvation. The William Jennings Bryan who visited the campuses of so many colleges and universities would see the marvelous possibilities of a college that is truly Christian. He would see the untold blessings of a Christian leadership trained in such a college atmosphere.

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of Science in Commerce degree in 1925. Five years later he returned for graduate study and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1930.

Having seen Bryan University from its beginning with classes in the old Rhea Central High School building, having shared many of its perplexing material and financial problems, having served as instructor in various departments of learning, having helped to organize and to train Gospel singer groups, having borne the concerns of many student problems—yes, through these and numerous other contributions to life at Bryan—Dean Ryther has displayed his loyalty and concern for the welfare of the University. He likewise bears witness to the blessing of the Bible-teaching ministry to enrich his own spiritual life and to make his testimony an example of inspiration to those who have worked with him and who have received instruction from him.

## PLANT AND PROPERTY FUND REPORT

Plant and Property Fund Report	
Balance (Feb. 1st)	\$12,117.63
Building Fund Receipts	
5% of Gift Income	128.52
Receipts No. 99-108	96.80
Total	\$12,342.95
Less expenditures	264.16
Balance on hand	\$12,078.79

## Sam's Summary

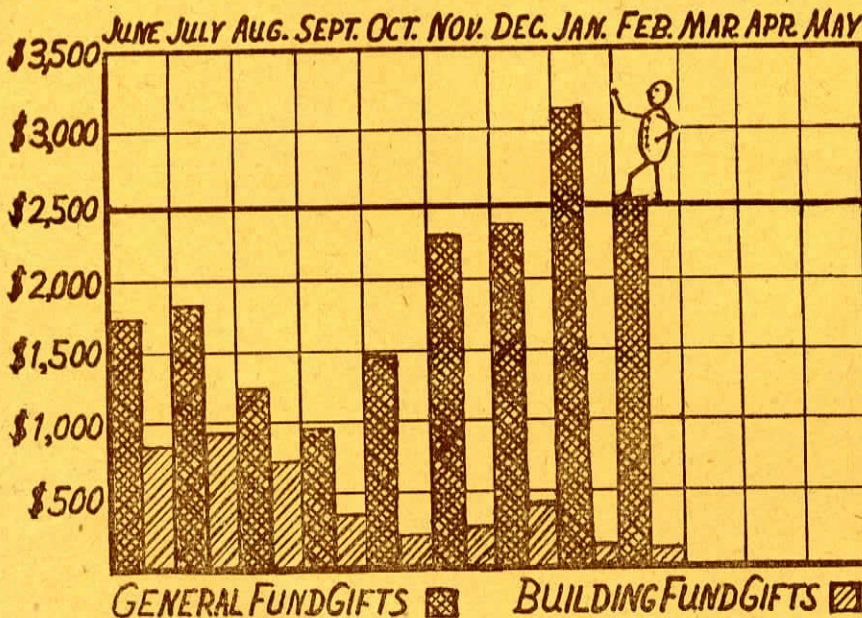
Dear Folks:

I may not have the advantage of "one day more" in Leap Year for February, but I'm still holding my own for the month. And I'm not bragging either, but I am just telling you about it by way of expressing my thanks to all of you who helped by praying and giving.

Sh!! I was sorta' peeking around the office the other day and saw some new drawings—architect's plans—and that makes me think we're going to have to get busy on that building fund, so maybe (d'you 'spose?) we could give everybody a little surprise next month? It would make a nice anniversary gift in memory of Mr. Bryan's birthday.

Sincerely,

Sam



February .....\$2,570.35

February .....\$96.80